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## Cooperation between the United Nations and the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries

*The General Assembly*,

*Recalling* its resolution 54/10 of 26 October 1999, by which it granted observer status to the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries and considered it mutually advantageous to provide for cooperation between the United Nations and the Community, as well as its resolutions 59/21 of 8 November 2004, 61/223 of 20 December 2006, 63/143 of 11 December 2008, 65/139 of 16 December 2010, 67/252 of 26 March 2013 and 69/311 of 6 July 2015,

*Recalling also* the Articles of the Charter of the United Nations, in particular of Chapter VIII, that encourage activities through regional cooperation for the promotion of the purposes and principles of the United Nations, and Security Council resolution 1809 (2008) of 16 April 2008 on peace and security in Africa,

*Considering* that the activities of the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries complement and support the work of the United Nations, and taking into account in that regard the report of the Secretary-General on cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations of 15 July 2016,[1]

[1] A/71/160.



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*Considering also* the relevance of the Portuguese language in international affairs, unifying over 275.7 million people in nine countries and four continents, and noting the political commitment of the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries to promote the Portuguese language in international and regional organizations, including the United Nations and its specialized agencies, funds and programmes,

*Welcoming* the celebration of Portuguese Language and Culture Day, 5 May 2017, by the States members of the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries in New York,

*Highlighting* the commitment demonstrated by the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries in addressing the issue of food and nutrition security, namely, through the work of the Food and Nutrition Security Council of the Community and the campaign "Together against Hunger",

*Taking note with appreciation* of the commitment of the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries to the promotion and protection of human rights within the Community,

*Taking note with appreciation also* of the commitment of the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries to gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls,

*Noting* the convening of the third International Conference on the Future of the Portuguese Language in the World System, held in Dili on 15 and 16 June 2016, on the topic of the Portuguese language and globalization, and acknowledging the importance of the consideration by the Community of the Dili Action Plan, which, together with the Lisbon Action Plan and the Brasilia Action Plan, will update the global strategy for the promotion and diffusion of the Portuguese language,

*Recalling* its resolution 70/4 of 26 October 2015 on building a peaceful and better world through sport and the Olympic ideal, and in this regard, welcoming the fact that the XXXI Olympic Summer Games and the XV Paralympic Summer Games, held in August and September 2016, respectively, in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, took place for the first time in a Portuguese-speaking country,

*Welcoming* the continuous coordination among the ministers and high-level officials of the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries at the margins of high-level meetings of the United Nations and their reaffirmation of the commitment of the Community to the values and principles of the Charter,

*Expressing appreciation* for the work consistently carried out by the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries in the achievement of its three broad objectives of diplomatic and political coordination, cooperation in all areas and promotion of the Portuguese language, and taking note of the adoption of its New Strategic Vision (2016-2026) by the eleventh Conference of Heads of State and Government of the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries, held in Brasilia on 31 October and 1 November 2016,

1. *Notes with appreciation* the final declaration of the eleventh Conference of Heads of State and Government of the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries, held in Brasilia on 31 October and 1 November 2016, on the theme "The Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development", in which the Community recognized the need to further promote political dialogue, exchange of experiences and cooperation to support, within the Community, the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, its Sustainable Development Goals and related targets;

2. *Recalls* the importance of the engagement of civil society in the activities of the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries, taking into account the national legislation of each State member of the Community, and acknowledges that it can play an important role in advancing efforts in support of the implementation of all the Sustainable Development Goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda within the Community;

3. *Also recalls* the importance of the participation of the private sector in the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals within the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries through public-private partnerships, taking into account the national legislation of each State member of the Community, and notes with appreciation the first Global Economic Forum of the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries, held in Timor-Leste from 25 to 27 February 2016;

4. *Notes* the admission of Czechia, Hungary, Slovakia and Uruguay as new associate observers during the eleventh Conference of Heads of State and Government of the Community;

5. *Stresses* the importance of strengthening the cooperation between the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries and United Nations specialized agencies and other entities and programmes, in particular the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the International Fund for Agricultural Development, the United Nations Population Fund, the International Labour Organization, the International Organization for Migration, the World Intellectual Property Organization, the World Health Organization, the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS and the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women;

6. *Also stresses* the importance of partnership and cooperation between the United Nations and other relevant organizations, including the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries, to improve coordination and cooperation in peacebuilding and sustaining peace, in accordance with their respective mandates, to increase synergies and ensure the coherence and complementarity of such efforts;

7. *Further stresses* the need for Guinea-Bissau to continue to take concrete steps towards peace, security and stability, welcomes the adoption of the six-point road map brokered by the Economic Community of West African States, and endorses the Conakry Agreement as the primary framework for a peaceful resolution of the political crisis, and in this context recalls Security Council resolution 2343 (2017) of 23 February 2017, notes the active engagement of the Secretary-General and his Special Representative for Guinea-Bissau, as well as of international bilateral and multilateral partners, in particular the African Union, the Economic Community of West African States, the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries and the European Union, in assisting the national authorities in their efforts to consolidate the constitutional order, to implement security sector, political and economic reforms, to combat drug trafficking and to fight impunity, and recognizes the role of the Peacebuilding Commission, in particular the Guinea-Bissau configuration, and the United Nations Integrated Peacebuilding Office in Guinea-Bissau in this regard;

8. *Recalls* the International Contact Group on Guinea-Bissau as a prime example of cooperation between the United Nations, the Economic Community of West African States and the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries to the benefit of the people of Guinea-Bissau, and welcomes the continuing support of the international community for the efforts of Guinea-Bissau in strengthening its democratic institutions and moving towards sociopolitical stability, reconciliation and economic development, as reiterated on the occasion of the international

conference held in Brussels on 25 March 2015 and co-hosted by the Government of Guinea-Bissau, the European Union and the United Nations Development Programme;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its seventy-third session a report on the implementation of the present resolution;

10. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-third session, under the item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations", the sub-item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries".